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SUBJ: IV NOMINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

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1. AS STATED REF C. POST SUBMITS COMPLETE NOMINATION FOR MRS. BEATRICE

FISHER, LAGOS LAWYER, FOR IWY.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MRS. BEATRICE AWURA OBOSHIE ALLAU FISHER

PRESENT POSITION : LEGAL PRACTITIONER

PAST POSITIONS: SOLICITOR IN CHAMBERS OF OBAFEMI AWOLOWO & CO.

1972-74; NURSING SISTER - B.P. NIGERIA LTD.

1965 - 71; STAFF NURSE - GYS HOSPITAL

LONDON 1955 -57.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH : MAY 3, 1933; LAGOS, LAGOS STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN

PREVIOUS CITIZENSHIP : SIERRA LEONIAN

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U.S. : NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES : GERMANY, HOLLAND,

FRANCE, 1970; SWITZERLAND, 1972 AND 1974

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LIECHTENSTEIN, 1974; ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES,

1950-60; ENGLAND, 1969, 1974; ITALY. 1974; SPAIN, 1972; LAS PALMAS
1972; DEMARK, 1973.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT : NONE

ESCORT SERVICE : REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE
REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MRS. BEATRICE FISHER HOLDS
IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS IN LEGAL PROFESSION AND HAS BEEN
ACTIVE IN MANY VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES. BEFORE BECOMING
A LAWYER, SHE WAS FULLY-QUALIFIED NURSE. SHE FEELS THAT CHANGING
TO LAW LATER IN LIFE GAVE HER AN EDGE BECAUSE SHE WAS MORE MATURE
THAN OTHER NEW LAWYERS AND MORE QUALIFIED TO TACKLE PROBLEMS OF
CLIENTS AT ALL AGES. SHE HAS PROVEN HERSELF, FIRST AS AN ASSISTANT
TO PROMINENT NIGERIAN PERSONALITY CHIEF OBAFEMI AWOLowo, THEN ON
HER OWN. IN ADDITION TO HER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AS A WOMAN
LEADER IN HER FIELD, MRS. FISHER HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN A
NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCIETY,
WHICH SEEKS TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WOMEN
OF ALL NATIONALITIES. SHE IS ALSO ACTIVE IN CORONA SOCIETY, WHICH
IS GROUP OF WOMEN WHO HELP DEAF AND DUMB CHILDREN.

OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT'S AND
EMBASSY'S EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR PROJECTS, WE SUBMIT MRS. FISHER AS AN OUTSTANDING
CANDIDATE WHOSE PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT PROJECT WILL CERTAINLY
BENEFIT U.S. INTERESTS. ALTHOUGH SHE HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY, SHE
HAS NEVER BEEN TO U.S. AN U.S. EXPOSURE AT THIS TIME, WITHIN
CONTEXT OF IWY, WILL ENABLE HER TO ESTABLISH POSSIBLY PERMANENT
CONTACTS WITH U.S. COUNTERPARTS AND MAKE HER AN ABLE INTERPRETER
OF U.S. SOCIETY. IN HER INFLUENTIAL POSITION, SHE WOULD NOT ONLY
SHARE THIS KNOWLEDGE WITH HER CONTACTS, BUT COULD SERVE AS A
CATALYST FOR SOME FUTURE PROGRAM IN THIS AREA.

ALTERNATE: MRS. AIG-IMOUKHUEDE, DIRECTOR, GONG GALLERY,
LAGOS

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